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REGULAR MEETING - January 22, 2020 OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Members of the Arizona Acupuncture Board of Examiners met at :

January 22, 2020, at 12:00 Noon
1740 W. Adams,
Board Room B,
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Board Staff: David Geriminsky - Executive Director, Melissa Sanchez - Licensing Coordinator
Attorney General Representative: Sabrina Khan, Assistant Attorney General, Seamus Monaghan

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Chairperson Jamie Fitzgerald called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

2. RECOGNITION OF BOARD MEMBERS

Board Members Present:

Susan Williams, Chairperson
Mario Fontes, Secretary
Mindy Hayden
Jamie Fitzgerald
Tali Lehavi
Rosemary Zimmerman
Scott Selin - Present Telephonically

Board Members Absent:

Matthew Klein

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST – A.R.S. §38-503

No conflicts noted

4. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

A. December 24, 2019 Regular Session Minutes

Board Member Williams moved for the adoption of the Regular Board Meeting minutes with Board Member Hayden providing a second. The Motion Passed.

Fitzgerald	Fontes	Williams	Lehavi	Hayden	Zimmerman	Klein	Selin	Vote
X	X	X	X	X	X		X	Aye
								Nay
								Recused
								Abstained
						X		Absent

5. PROFESSIONAL BUSINESS

- A. Discussion of Procedures for Election of Board Officers
- B. Election of Board Chairperson pursuant to A.R.S. §32-3902(D)
- C. Election of Board Secretary pursuant to A.R.S. §32-3902(D)
- D. Review and Adoption of Fees pursuant to A.R.S. §32-3927

Executive Director Geriminsky provided an overview of the statutory requirements and procedures for election of Board officers. Board Member Susan Williams was nominated by Board Member Fontes to hold the office of Chairperson. Board Member Lehavi seconded. The motion passed.

Fitzgerald	Fontes	Williams	Lehavi	Hayden	Zimmerman	Klein	Selin	Vote
X	X	X	X	X	X		X	Aye
								Nay
								Recused
								Abstained
						X		Absent

Board Member Mario Fontes was nominated by Board Member Zimmerman to hold the office of Secretary. Board Member Lehavi seconded. The motion passed.

Fitzgerald	Fontes	Williams	Lehavi	Hayden	Zimmerman	Klein	Selin	Vote
X	X	X	X	X	X		X	Aye
								Nay
								Recused
								Abstained
						X		Absent

The Board reviewed fees for Board services. Board Member Fontes moved to make no changes but to adopt the current fee structure as is. Board Member Zimmerman seconded. The motion passed.

Fitzgerald	Fontes	Williams	Lehavi	Hayden	Zimmerman	Klein	Selin	Vote
X	X	X	X	X	X		X	Aye
								Nay
								Recused
								Abstained
						X		Absent

6. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE

Ratification of approval by the Executive Director

- A. Judy Park
- B. Amanda baron
- C. Julie Baron
- D. Aaron Bigler
- E. Margot Arellano-Watkins
- F. Frederick Ehmann

Executive Director Geriminsky provided a summary of license eligibility for Applicants A-F indicating that all applicants have submitted all required documentation and had no derogatory or otherwise disqualifying information so had been issued licensure pursuant to the Boards delegation.

Board Member Zimmerman moved to ratify licensure of Applicants A-F with Board Member Fontes providing a second. The Motion Passed.

Fitzgerald	Fontes	Williams	Lehavi	Hayden	Zimmerman	Klein	Selin	Vote
X	X	X	X	X	X		X	Aye
								Nay
								Recused
								Abstained
						X		Absent

7. CONSENT AGENDA FOR REVIEW, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION BY THE BOARD ON RATIFICATION OF RENEWAL OF LICENSES/CERTIFICATES ISSUED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO INDIVIDUALS WHO MET REQUIREMENTS FOR RENEWAL

Acupuncturists Renewed

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| Burton N Shapiro | Lloyd G Wright | Deborah E Lamadrid |
| Linda J Seltzer | Yeon Hee Park | Jamie K Fitzgerald |
| Shelly R Dainty | Courtney A Logan | Shelly R Dainty |
| Susan H Luo | Lisa D Parmer | Mingzhu P Sun |
| Jacqueline S Harte | Mica J Triton | Jo F Condra |
| Dale G Carlson | Margaret S Lucas | Andrea C Alagammai |
| Tilottama Star | Teng Fang Wu | Paul A Sweeney |
| Susan Rudderham | Beth Gineris | Frances E Towle |
| Martha Jean Painter | Martha Jean Painter | Kimberly D Maloney |
| Jill A Dederer | Marcia R Riggs | Bryon L Powers |

Irene E Chappelle	David D Seltzer	Kimberly L Burger
Roberta A Daugherty	Sung Hyun Cho	Lou Ann Behringer
Ronald J Chandler	Shinai Lilly	William J Donahue
Amy E Ringdahl	Craig S Amrine	Maurianne V Montes
Danube S Jacobs	Gary D Marker	Michelle L Derby
Renee E Altman	Mukunda R Karmacharya	Kari A Hahn
Dawn L Krueger-Sherin	Melissa N Uribe	Lori J Binder
Jeffrey T Kenney	Maria A Restivo	Perry J Cooper
David H Price	Marcy L Raybourn	Cheri A Brown
Emily O Rea	Geffrey E Von Gerlach	Danielle E Dickshinski
Christian E Armanti	Margaret Murphy Conley	Harold H. Itokazu Jr.
Diana L Da Grosa	Janine D Hindman	Christopher K Vedeler
Rachel R Cowell	Constance R Bradley	William C Smith
Robin E Hansen	Karin A Singer	Brittany E Petrick
Yong Deng	Mindy L Hayden	Jimmy W Liu
Adam P Kerievsky	Mary T O'Neill	Natascha U Hebell
Neil A Kremer	Cynthia L Poppe	80 Renewals

Auricular Acupuncturists Renewed

The Executive Director provided an overview of Licenses and Certificates renewed stating each had been reviewed, found eligible, and was renewed pursuant to the Boards authorization.

Chairperson Williams moved to ratify and approve all applicants for renewal listed above with Board Member Selin providing a second. The Motion Passed.

Fitzgerald	Fontes	Williams	Lehavi	Hayden	Zimmerman	Klein	Selin	Vote
	X	X	X		X		X	Aye
								Nay
X				X				Recused
								Abstained
						X		Absent

8. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ALLEGATIONS OF UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

A. Brent Thompson Case# 2019-ACU-0006

This item was postponed to the February meeting at the request of the respondent.

9. REVIEW, DISCUSSION, AND PRESENTATION FROM ASIAN MEDICINE ACUPUNCTURISTS OF ARIZONA

Lloyd Wright, President of the Asian Medicine Acupuncturists of Arizona (Amaaz), Della Estrada and Shuyuan Hong were present. They provided several items of feedback surrounding the proposed statutory changes including a title change for Auricular Acupuncturists, Informed Consent, etc. and also reiterated the important and complex nature of Traditional Chinese Medicine including Acupuncture.

Shuyuan Hong spoke at length about how improper needling can damage a patient and that the Body is a complex system. She indicated deep concern about Dry Needling being performed by Athletic Trainers.

Della Estrada similarly expressed concerns about Dry needling and spoke on Auricular Acupuncture.

10. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING POTENTIAL STATUTORY CHANGES

Chairperson Williams reinstated the Committee on Statutes, Rules, and Auricular Acupuncture. She appointed herself and Board members Fitzgerald and Fontes to the Committee to review the feedback received from Amaaz.

Board Member Fontes moved to remove the fees from the statutory changes and authorize the Committee to make decisions on proposed legislation without final vote by the Board. Chairperson Williams seconded. The Motion Passed.

Fitzgerald	Fontes	Williams	Lehavi	Hayden	Zimmerman	Klein	Selin	Vote
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X	X	X	X	X	X		X	Aye
								Nay
								Recused
								Abstained
						X		Absent

11. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

- A. Budget/Strategic Plan
- B. Summary of Current Events
- C. Survey Results
- D. Complaints Status
- E. Governor's Executive Order
- F. Legislative Update
- G. Board Office Highlights

Executive Director Geriminsky provided the Board an update on pending complaints, recent legislation and generally on the above items. The Board discussed potential fee waivers, legislation and the requirements of the Executive Order. The Board thanked the Executive Director for keeping up to date with legislation and for the operations of the Board office..

12. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING FUTURE REGULAR MEETING DATES

- A. February 26, 2020
- B. March 25, 2020
- C. April 22, 2020
- D. May 27, 2020
- E. June 24, 2020
- F. August 26, 2020 - Flagstaff
- G. September 23, 2020
- H. October 28, 2020 - Tucson
- I. November 25, 2020
- J. December 08, 2020

The Board took no action

13. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PERFORMANCE REVIEW

The Executive Director indicated that while performance reviews are not strictly required he did prefer to be evaluated on a yearly basis by the Board. Each member had been sent an evaluation form. Each completed form was available for Board review in their materials. Chairperson Williams moved to executive session at 1:35 p.m with Board Member Fontes providing a Second. The Motion Passed.

Fitzgerald	Fontes	Williams	Lehavi	Hayden	Zimmerman	Klein	Selin	Vote
X	X	X	X	X	X		X	Aye

								Nay
								Recused
								Abstained
						X		Absent

The Board left Executive Session at 2:12 p.m.

After discussion Chairperson Williams indicated that a performance review had been conducted, that the Executive Directors performance had exceeded expectations and moved to increase the Executive Directors salary in the amount discussed in Executive Session. Board Member Zimmerman seconded. The Motion Passed.

Fitzgerald	Fontes	Williams	Lehavi	Hayden	Zimmerman	Klein	Selin	Vote
X	X	X	X	X	X		X	Aye
								Nay
								Recused
								Abstained
						X		Absent

14. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

The Board received no comment

15. DISCUSSION OF ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON A FUTURE MEETING AGENDA

The Board requested that pending legislation be placed on the next agenda and specifically requested Board Member Fitzgerald to draft a letter regarding Dry Needling by Athletic Trainers.

16 ADJOURNMENT

Board Member Fontes moved for adjournment and Board Member Zimmerman provided a second. The Motion passed. The Board adjourned at 2:31 p.m.

Fitzgerald	Fontes	Williams	Lehavi	Hayden	Zimmerman	Klein	Selin	Vote
X	X	X	X	X	X		X	Aye
								Nay
								Recused
								Abstained
						X		Absent